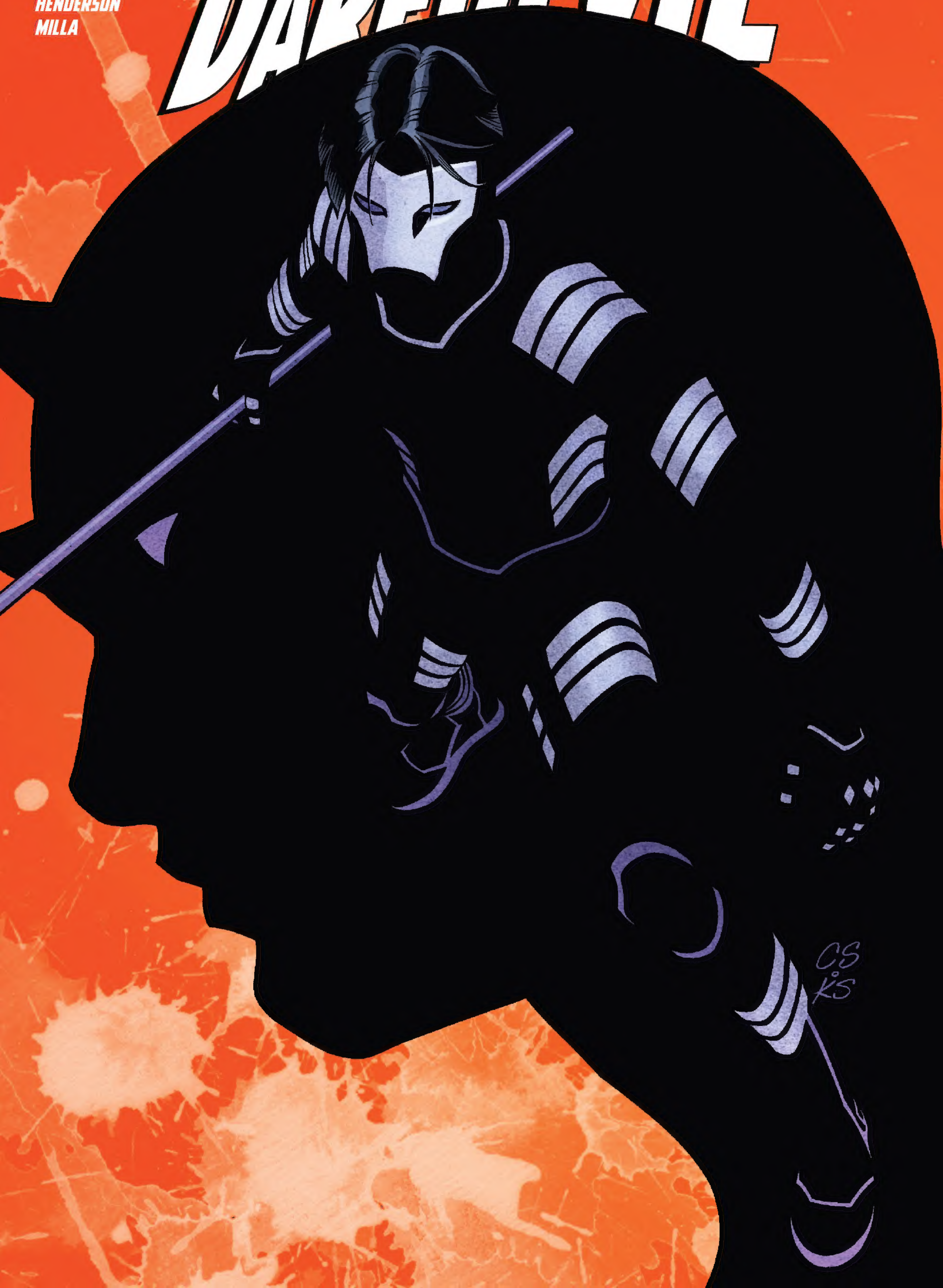


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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

NEW YORK CITY HAS A NEW MAYOR – *WILSON FISK*, FORMERLY THE KINGPIN OF CRIME.

FISK'S FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION IN HIS NEW POSITION? OUTLAWING ANY AND ALL COSTUMED VIGILANTES. HIS SECOND? APPOINTING *MATT MURDOCK*, A.K.A. DAREDEVIL, AS HIS DEPUTY MAYOR.

HIS VICTORY WAS SHORT-LIVED, HOWEVER, AS THE DEADLY NINJA CLAN *THE HAND* HAS LAUNCHED THEIR LATEST ASSAULT ON MANHATTAN, AND AFTER ONE OF THEIR BRUTAL ATTACKS LEFT FISK IN CRITICAL CONDITION, MURDOCK FOUND HIMSELF SUDDENLY PROMOTED...TO MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY!

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THE MAYORAL ADMINISTRATION OF MATTHEW MURDOCK.

HOUR TWO.

REPORTS ARE COMING IN FROM ALL OVER THE CITY OF ATTACKS BY PEOPLE DRESSED AS NINJAS.

MOST OF THE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON POLICE OFFICERS, BUT SECURITY GUARDS, TRANSIT WORKERS, EVEN FIREMEN HAVE ALSO BEEN TARGETED--ANYONE IN UNIFORM.

THE NYPD IS URGING CITY RESIDENTS TO REMAIN INDOORS.

MY GOD.

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ACTING MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY MATT MURDOCK HAS YET TO ISSUE A STATEMENT.

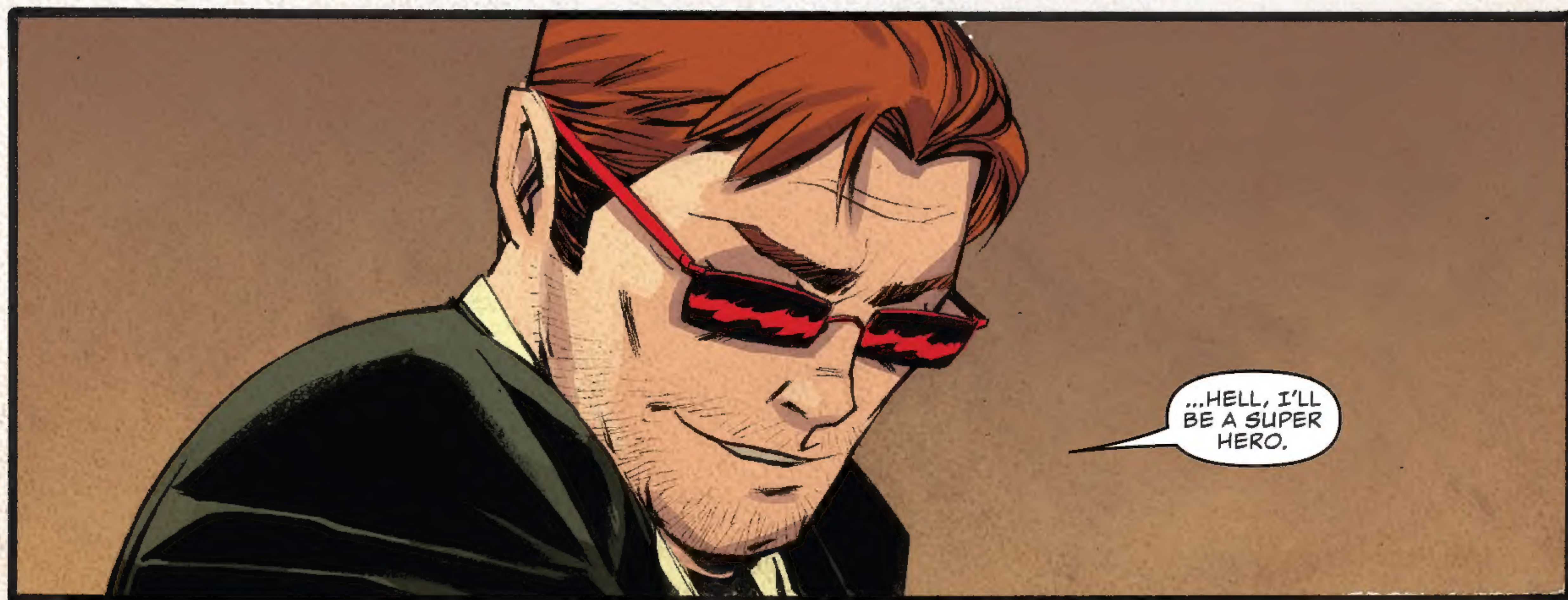
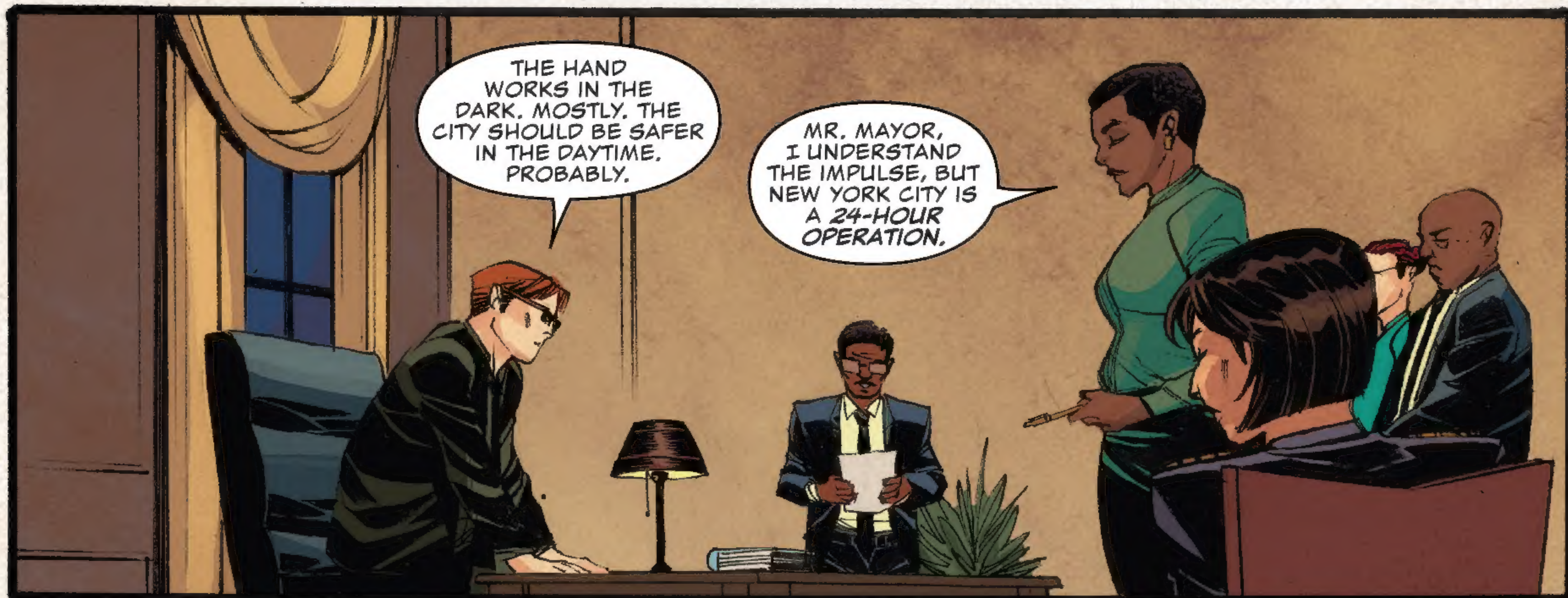
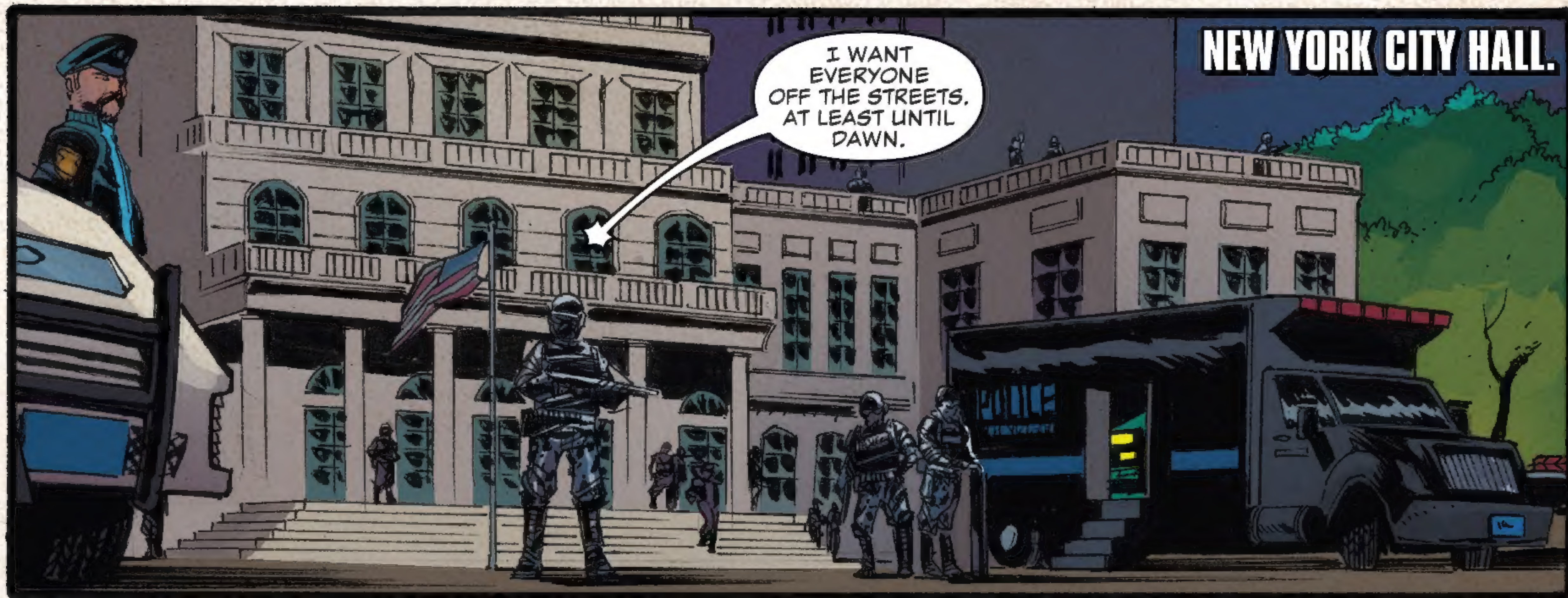
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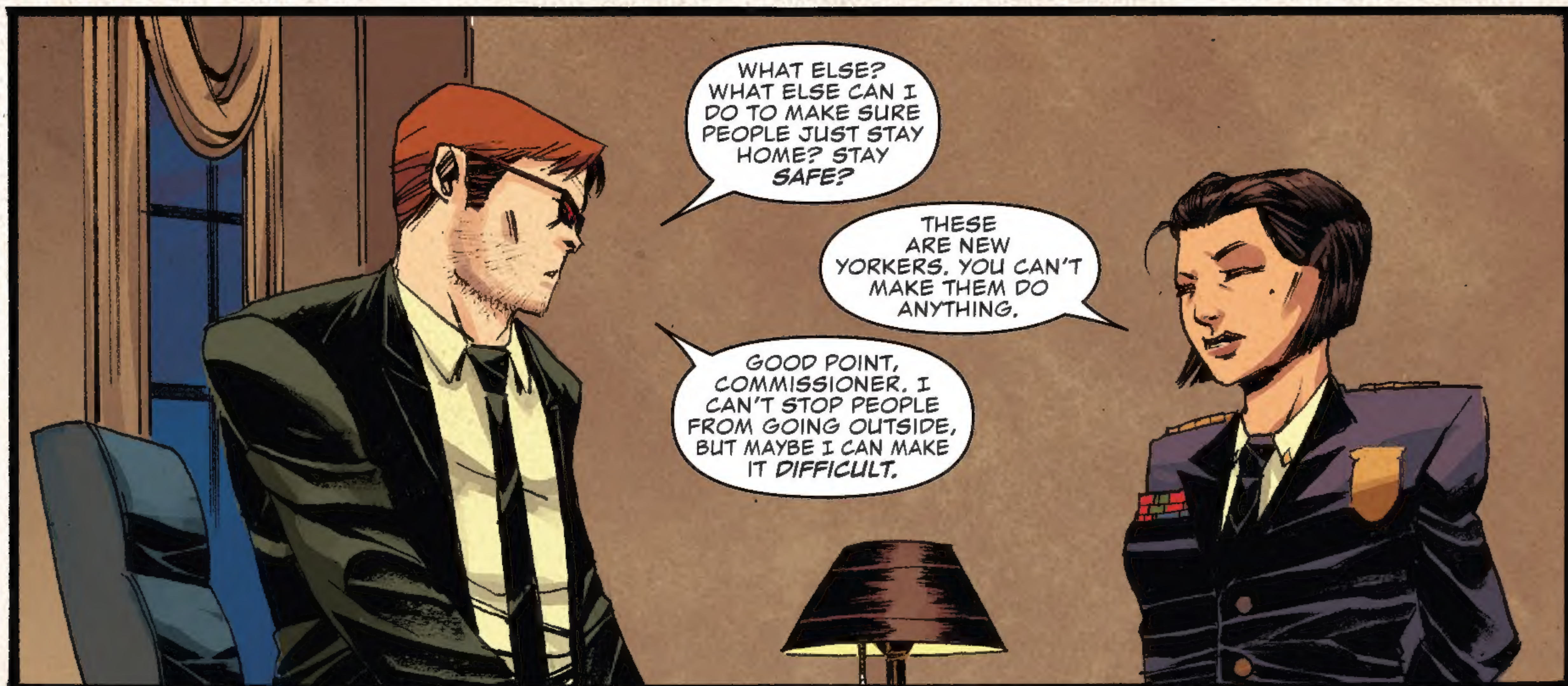
THE CITY IS ON THE VERGE OF PANIC, AND AT THIS POINT WE'RE NOT SURE--

MATT... WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?

FOGGY, YOU REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT IF I NEEDED YOU, I'D CALL?

I'M CALLING.

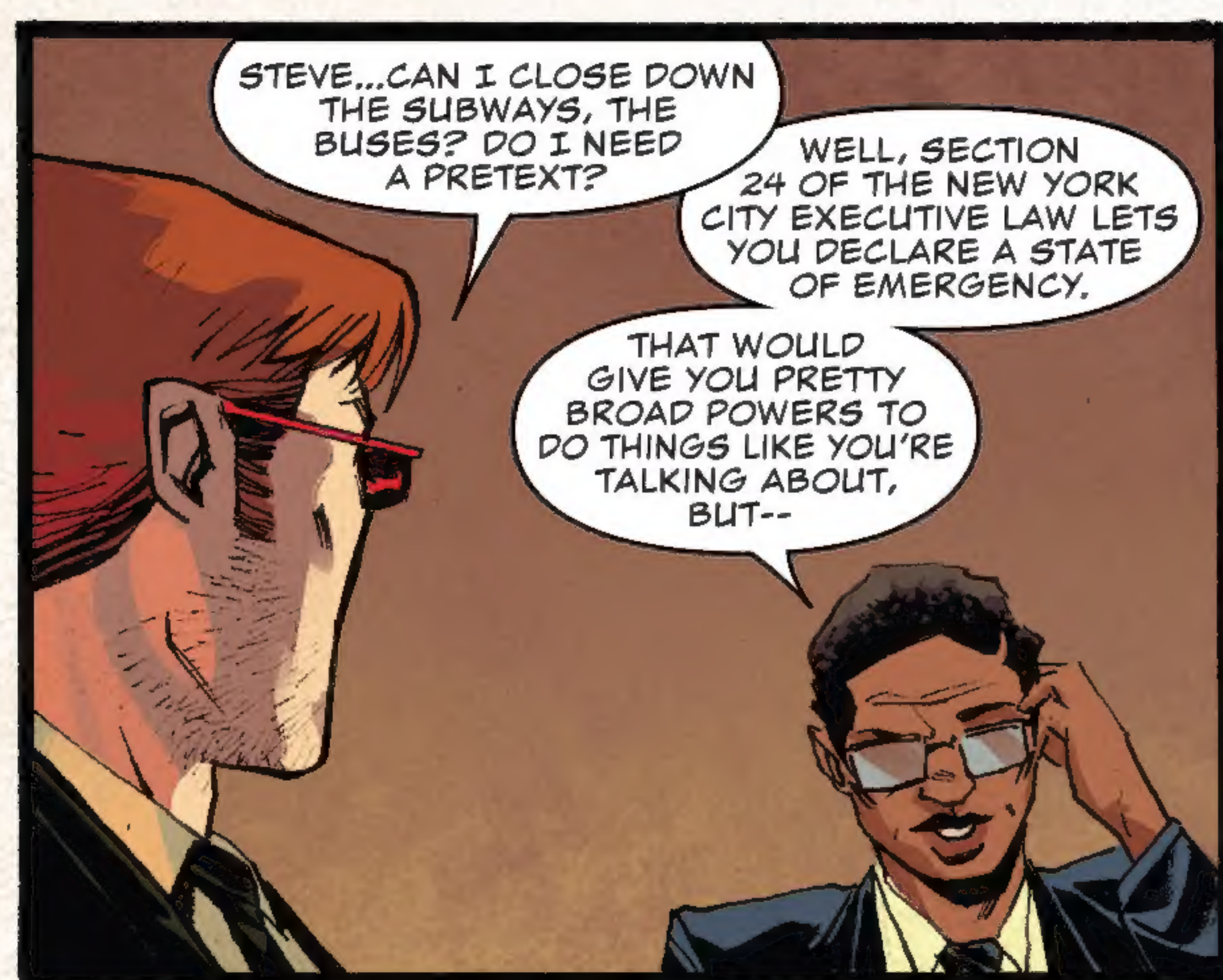




WHAT ELSE?
WHAT ELSE CAN I
DO TO MAKE SURE
PEOPLE JUST STAY
HOME? STAY
SAFE?

THESE
ARE NEW
YORKERS. YOU CAN'T
MAKE THEM DO
ANYTHING.

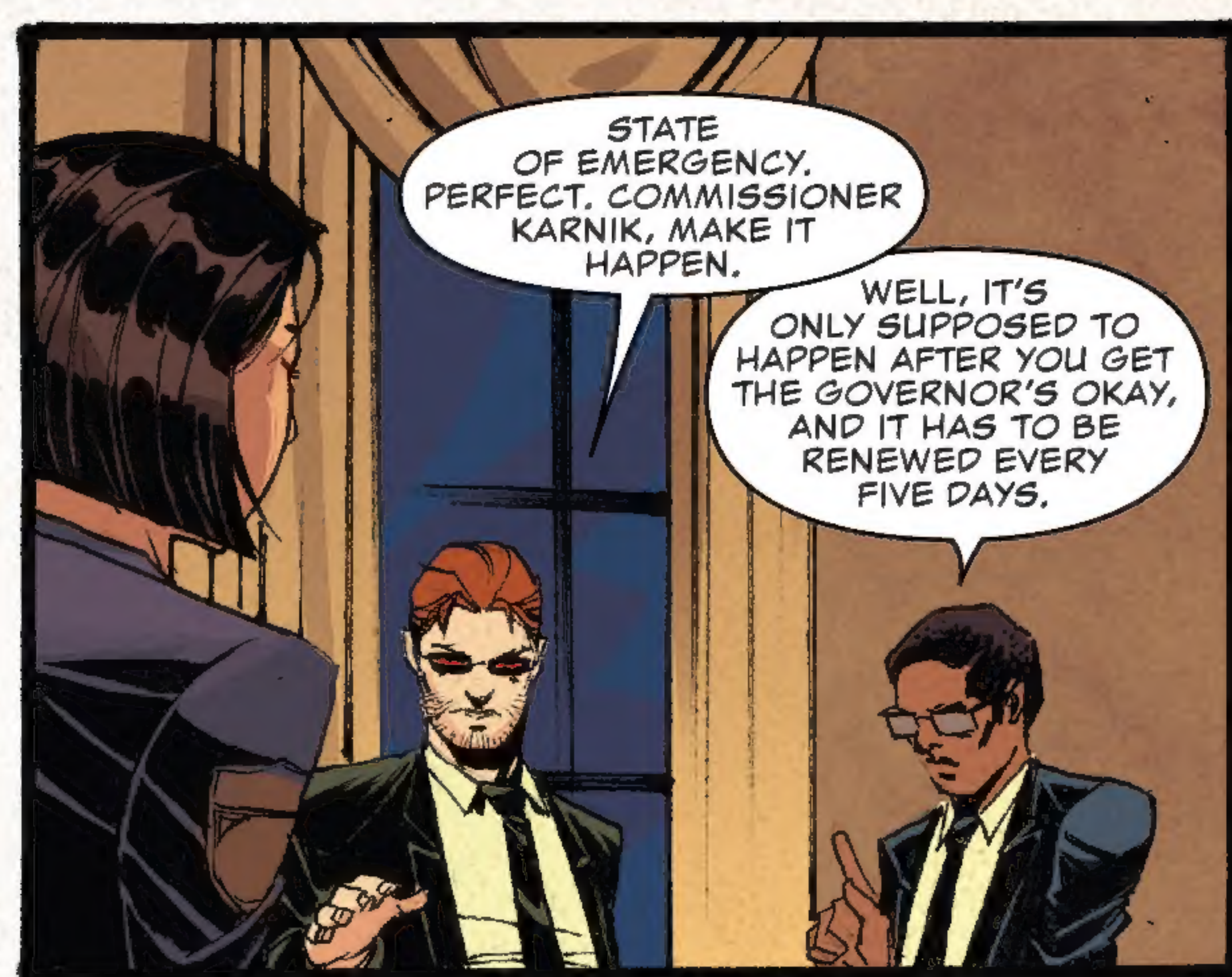
GOOD POINT,
COMMISSIONER. I
CAN'T STOP PEOPLE
FROM GOING OUTSIDE,
BUT MAYBE I CAN MAKE
IT DIFFICULT.



STEVE...CAN I CLOSE DOWN
THE SUBWAYS, THE
BUSES? DO I NEED
A PRETEXT?

WELL, SECTION
24 OF THE NEW YORK
CITY EXECUTIVE LAW LETS
YOU DECLARE A STATE
OF EMERGENCY.

THAT WOULD
GIVE YOU PRETTY
BROAD POWERS TO
DO THINGS LIKE YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT,
BUT--



STATE
OF EMERGENCY.
PERFECT. COMMISSIONER
KARNIK, MAKE IT
HAPPEN.

WELL, IT'S
ONLY SUPPOSED TO
HAPPEN AFTER YOU GET
THE GOVERNOR'S OKAY,
AND IT HAS TO BE
RENEWED EVERY
FIVE DAYS.



A NINJA CLAN
IS TARGETING LAW
ENFORCEMENT IN OUR
CITY, STEVE. WAKE UP
THE GOVERNOR.

IN THE
MEANTIME, SHUT
DOWN ALL PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION, AND
ISSUE A STATEMENT
URGING PEOPLE TO
STAY HOME.

WE'LL
REVISIT THE
ISSUE ONCE WE
KNOW IT'S
SAFE.

AND IF
THIS LASTS
MORE THAN FIVE
DAYS...I THINK WE'LL
HAVE BIGGER
PROBLEMS.



MR. MAYOR,
YOUR VISITOR IS
HERE. FOGGY
NELSON.

UH...HEY,
EVERYONE.

EXCELLENT.

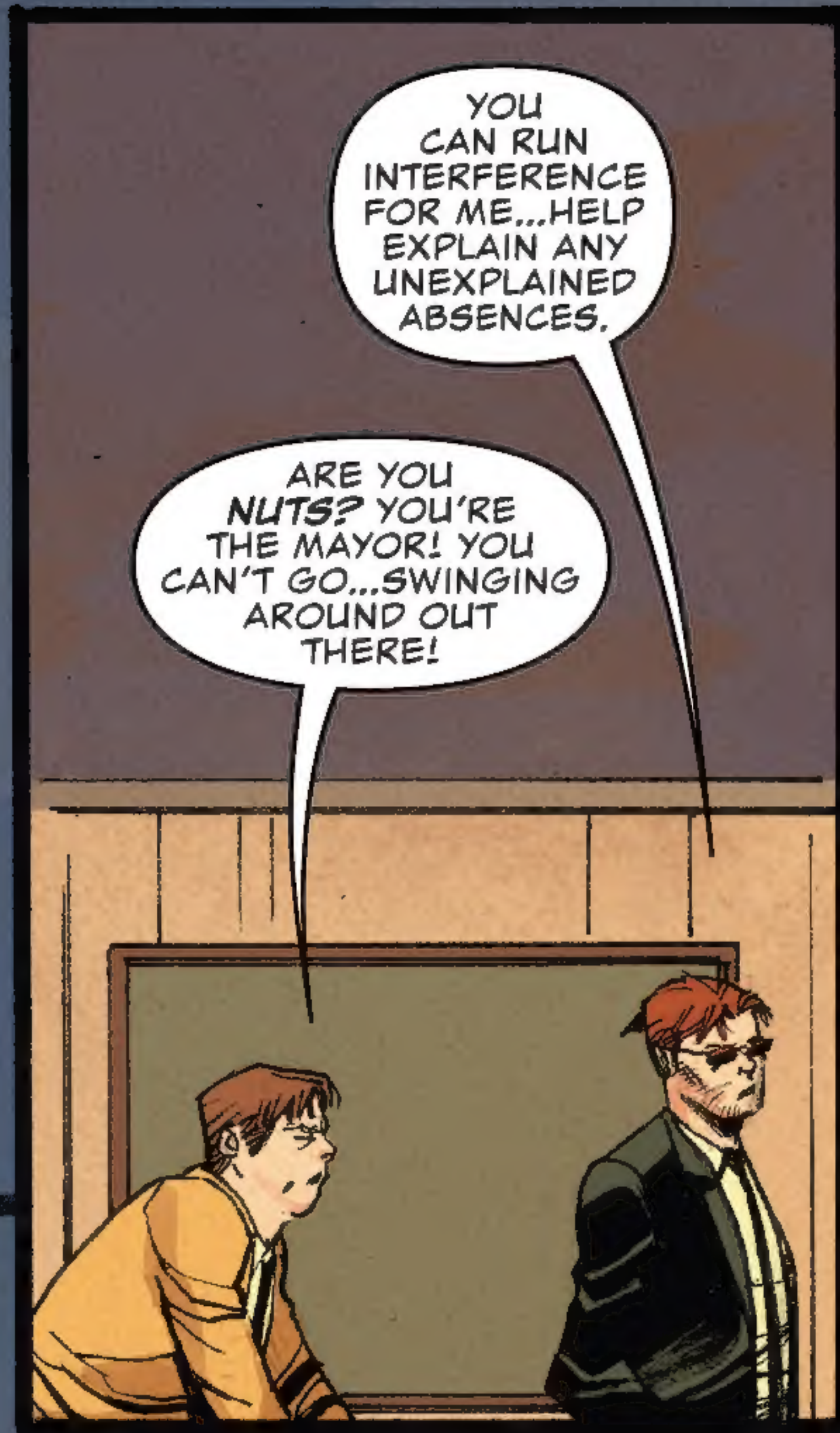




ANYWAY,
YOUR MAIN
JOB WILL BE
SOMETHING
ELSE.

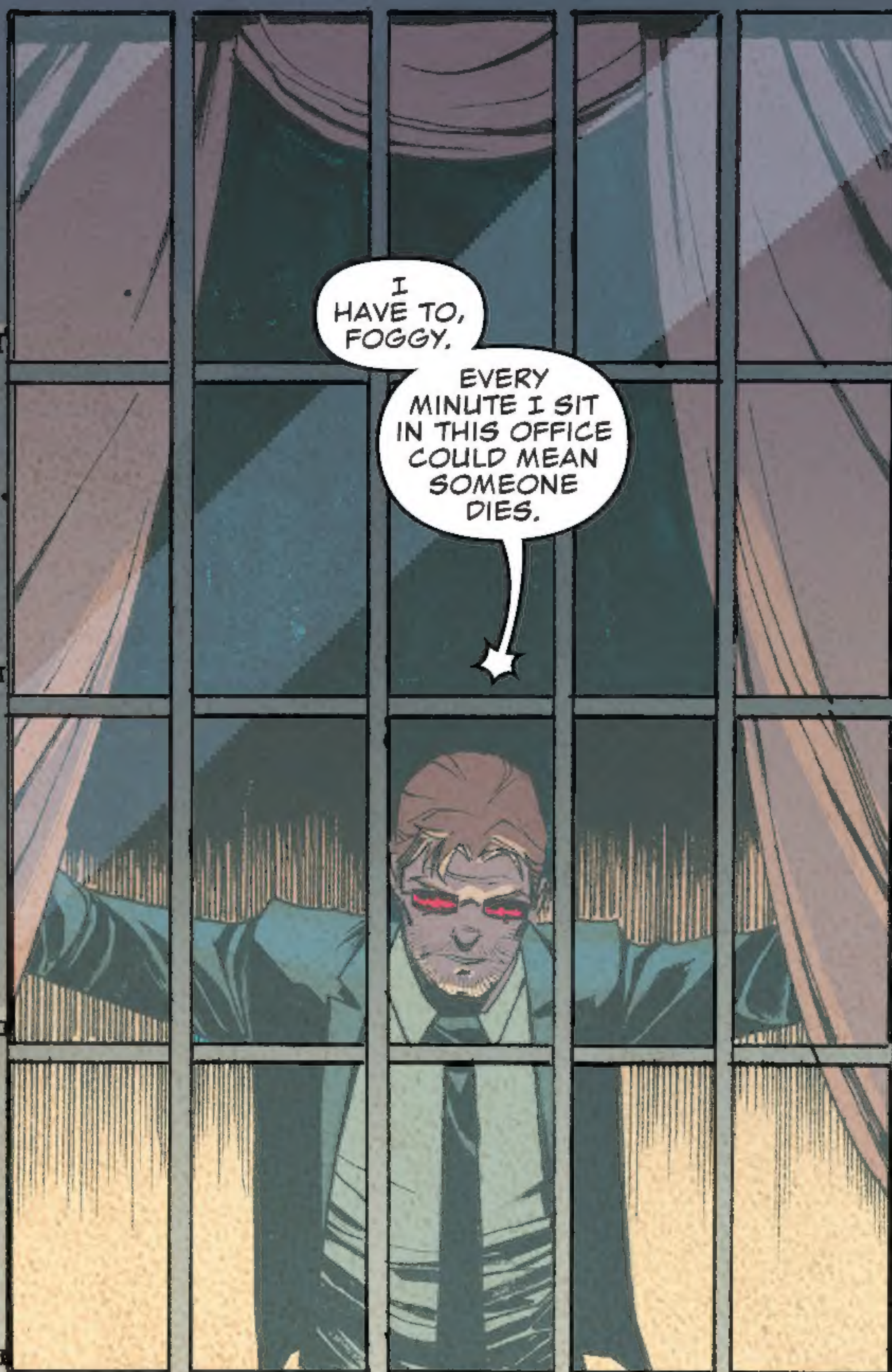
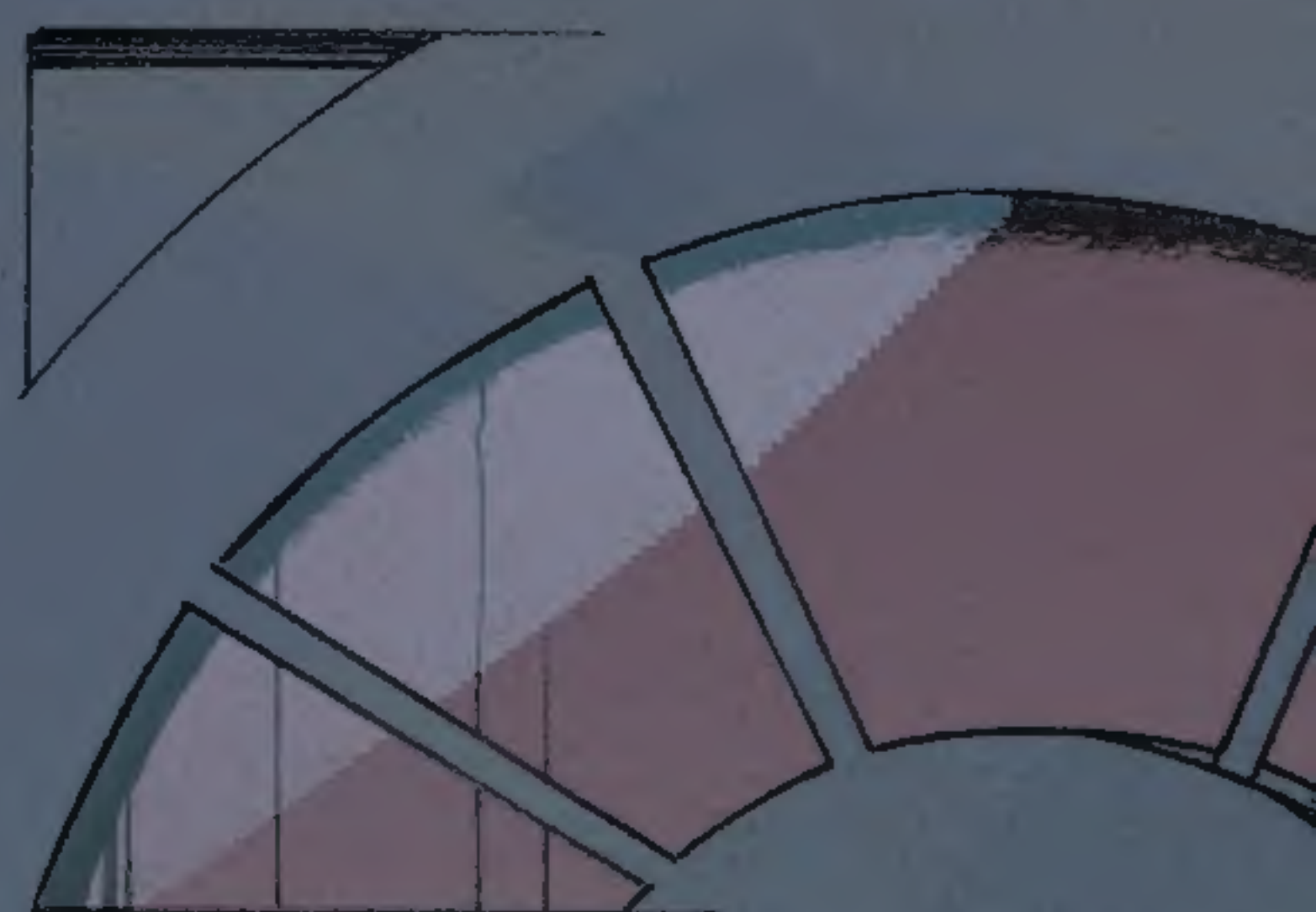
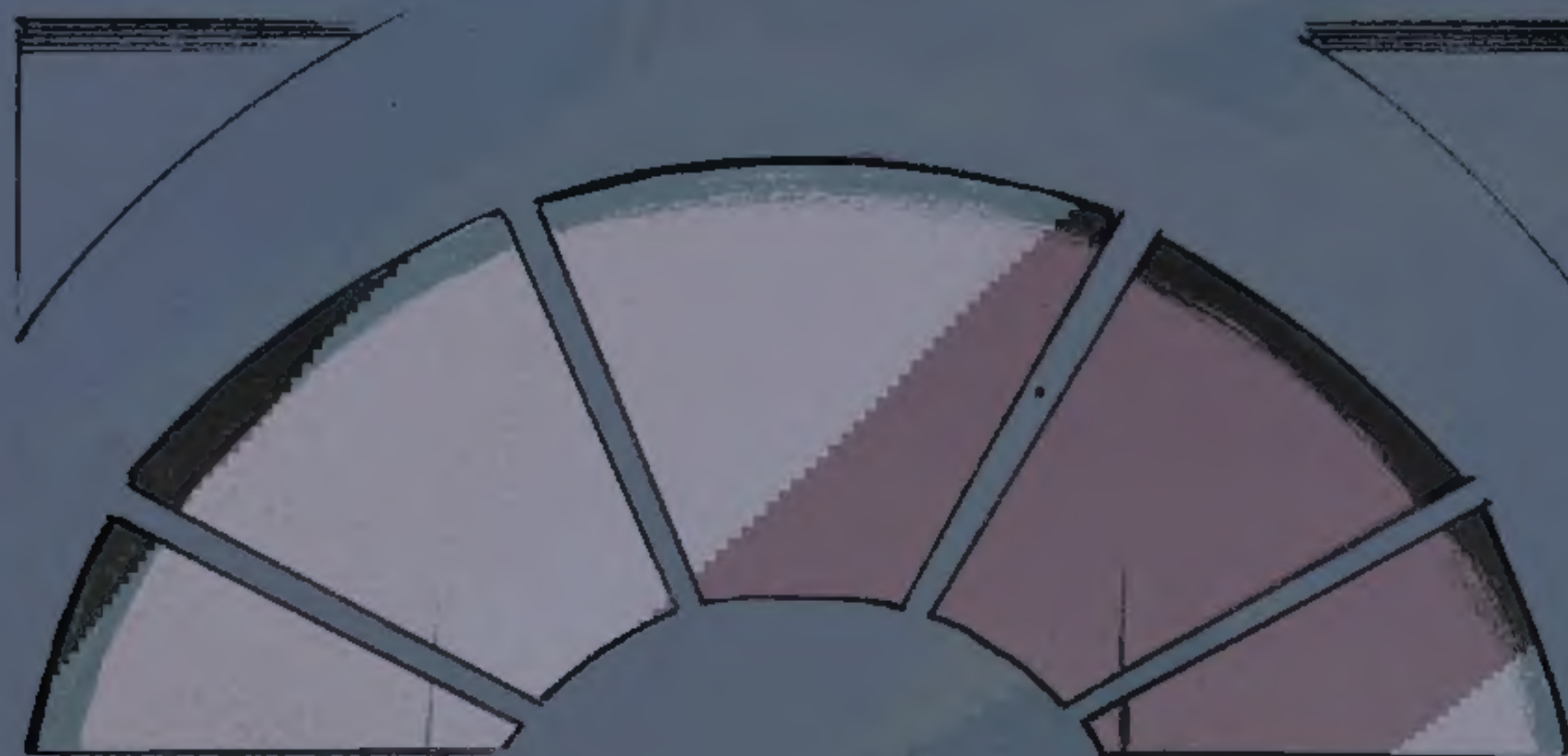


HELPING
ME DO MY OTHER
JOB.



YOU
CAN RUN
INTERFERENCE
FOR ME...HELP
EXPLAIN ANY
UNEXPLAINED
ABSENCES.

ARE YOU
NUTS? YOU'RE
THE MAYOR! YOU
CAN'T GO...SWINGING
AROUND OUT
THERE!



I
HAVE TO,
FOGGY.

EVERY
MINUTE I SIT
IN THIS OFFICE
COULD MEAN
SOMEONE
DIES.



EVERY MINUTE
YOU'RE NOT HERE
COULD MEAN THE SAME
THING! PEOPLE ARE
DEPENDING ON YOU
TO MAKE THE
DECISIONS.

LET ME
MAKE THIS
EXTREMELY
CLEAR.



"YOU ARE NOT..."

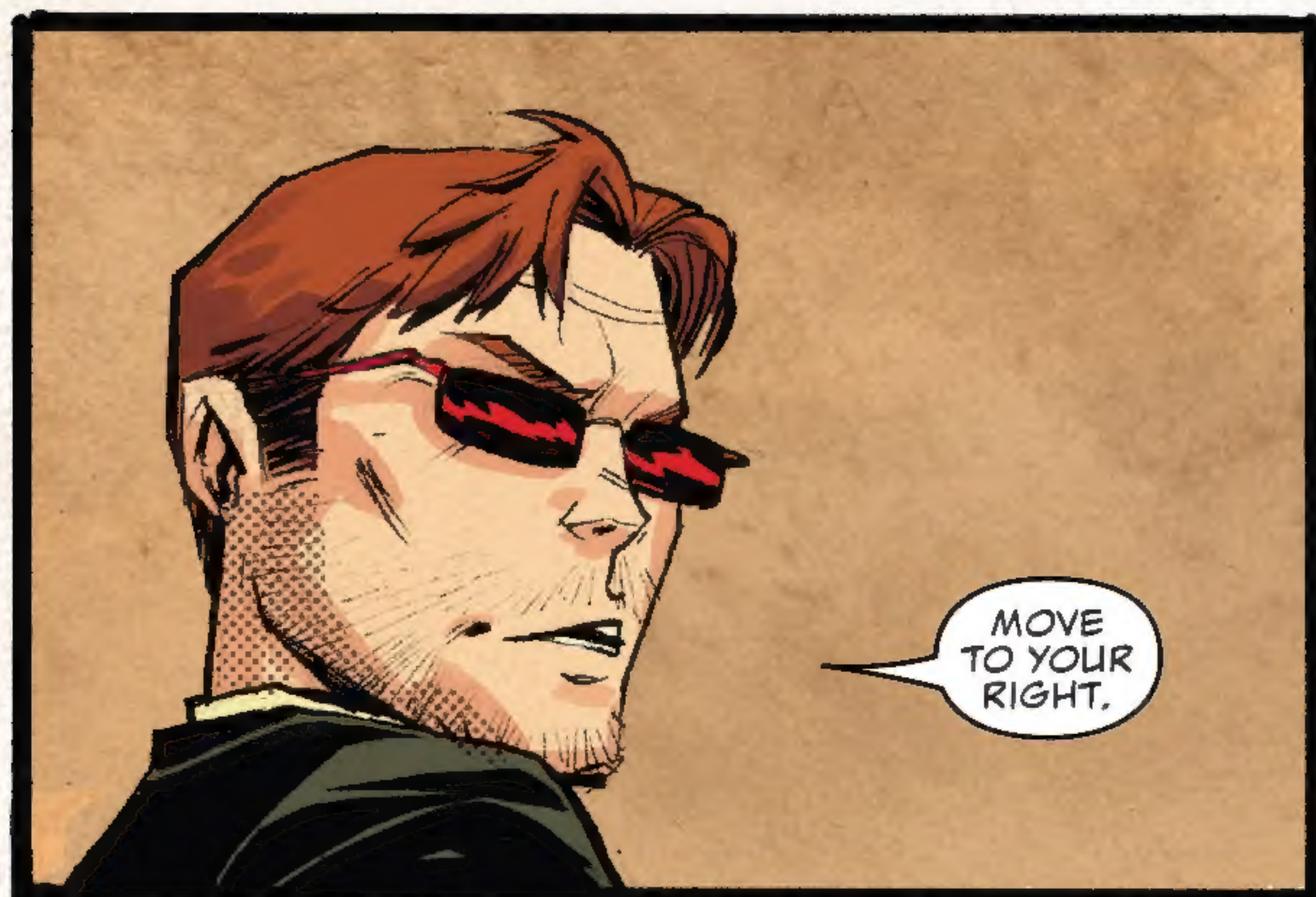


"THE ONLY HERO..."



"...IN THIS CITY."











WELL, YOU CERTAINLY DID A GOOD JOB ENDING THAT WINDOW'S REIGN OF CRIME.

THIS ENTIRE BUILDING IS SURROUNDED BY COPS. I WASN'T GOING TO JUST WALK UP TO THE FRONT DOOR.



YOU'RE WEARING AN INVISIBILITY SUIT.

WHICH IS OUT OF BATTERIES. I'M NOT JUST WORRIED ABOUT THE POLICE, MATT. THE HAND IS EVERYWHERE OUT THERE.



I HAD TO FIGHT MY WAY THROUGH THREE SQUADS JUST GETTING DOWN HERE FROM CHINATOWN, EVEN WITH MY SUIT TURNED ON.



I KNOW. IT'S GETTING BAD. I'M TRYING TO COORDINATE THE CITY'S RESPONSE-- BRING IN THE HEROES.

I JUST WISH I KNEW WHY THE HAND WAS HERE. WHAT THEY WANT.

THAT'S WHY I CAME, MATT. I KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.



THEY'RE HERE BECAUSE OF ME.

THIS WHOLE THING IS MY FAULT.



WOW. I GUESS HE REALLY IS YOUR APPRENTICE, MATT.



NO. I MEAN IT. WHEN I FOUGHT MUSE--

YOU FOUGHT MUSE? SAM, ARE YOU OKAY?

I AM. HE'S NOT, HE'S DEAD...I THINK. I DON'T KNOW. IT WAS HARD TO TELL WHAT HAPPENED... BUT I THINK HE'S GONE.



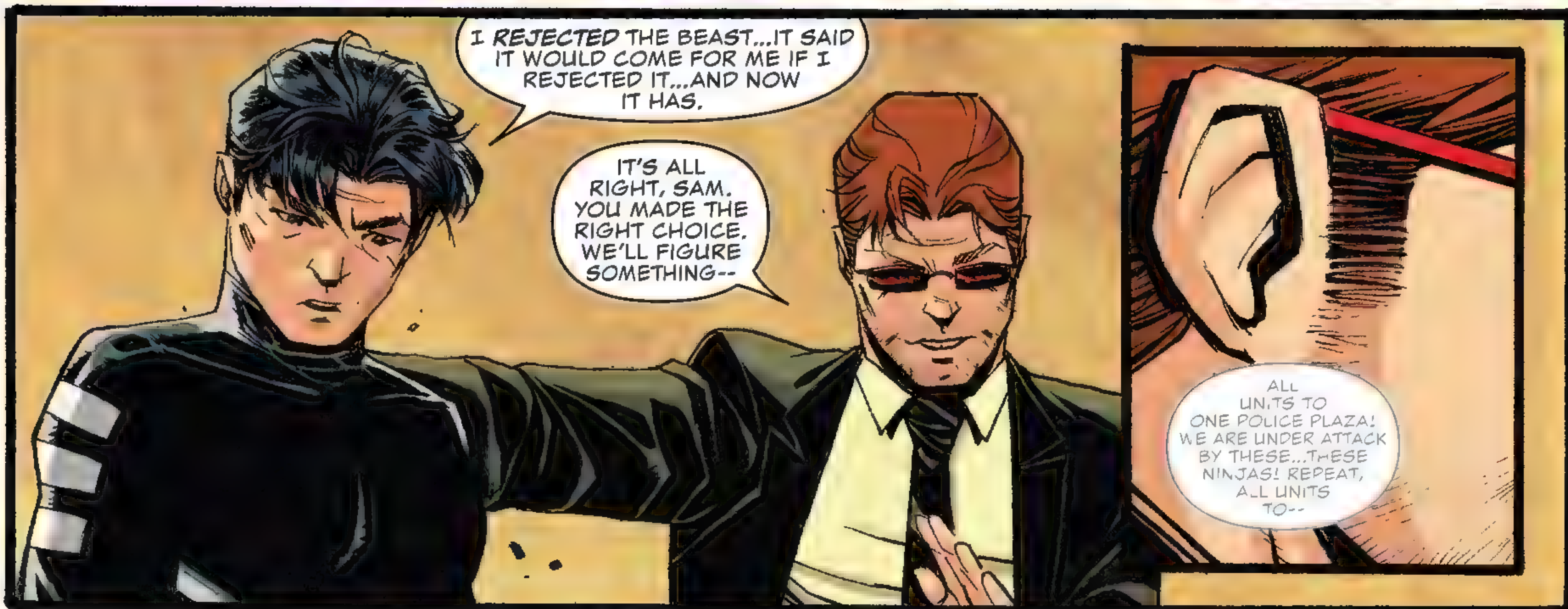
"BUT TO DO IT, I CALLED ON THE BEAST. I MADE A BARGAIN WITH IT.*

"ENOUGH POWER TO BEAT MUSE, IN EXCHANGE FOR GOING BACK INTO ITS SERVICE. IT WANTED ME TO KILL MUSE AS MY FIRST STEP BACK TO IT.

"I TOOK THE POWER...BUT I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE.

"MUSE KILLED HIMSELF, I THINK, LIKE I SAID... HARD TO TELL."

*SEE DAREDEVIL #600!



I REJECTED THE BEAST...IT SAID IT WOULD COME FOR ME IF I REJECTED IT...AND NOW IT HAS.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SAM. YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE. WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING--

ALL UNITS TO ONE POLICE PLAZA! WE ARE UNDER ATTACK BY THESE...THESE NINJAS! REPEAT, ALL UNITS TO--



FOGGY, THE HAND IS GOING AFTER NYPD HEADQUARTERS. YOU'LL NEED TO COVER FOR ME.

MATT... YOU CAN'T. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS.

WE DID. BUT NO ONE ELSE CAN GET THERE AS QUICKLY AS SAM AND I CAN.

IT'S ONLY TWO BLOCKS AWAY.

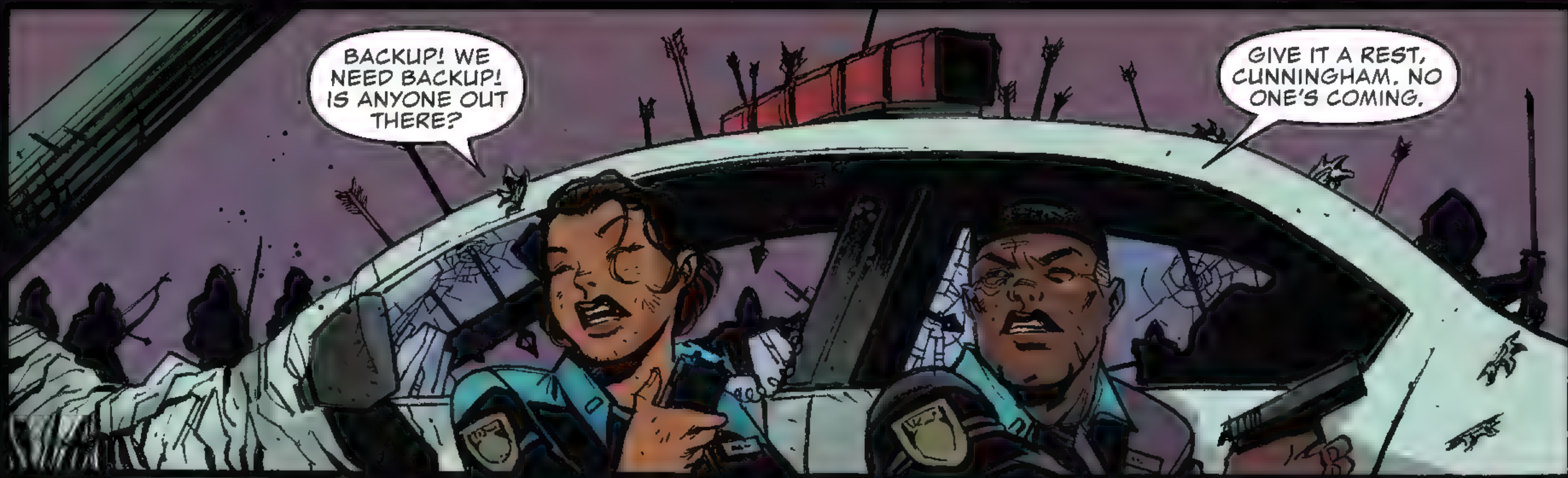
"WE'LL BE BACK
BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT."



THERE.

I SEE
IT.







DONE.



DAMN...
I JUST...THANK
YOU.

IT'S
WHAT
WE DO. ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

YEAH, BUT
THERE'S A LOT
MORE OF THOSE
THINGS.

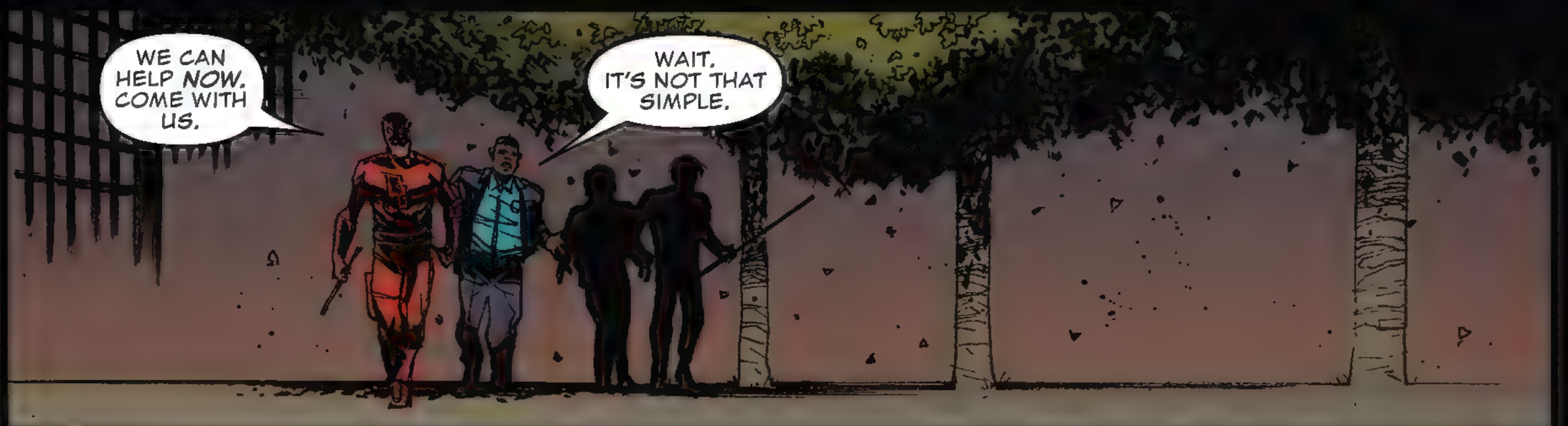


WHERE?
I DON'T SEE
THEM.



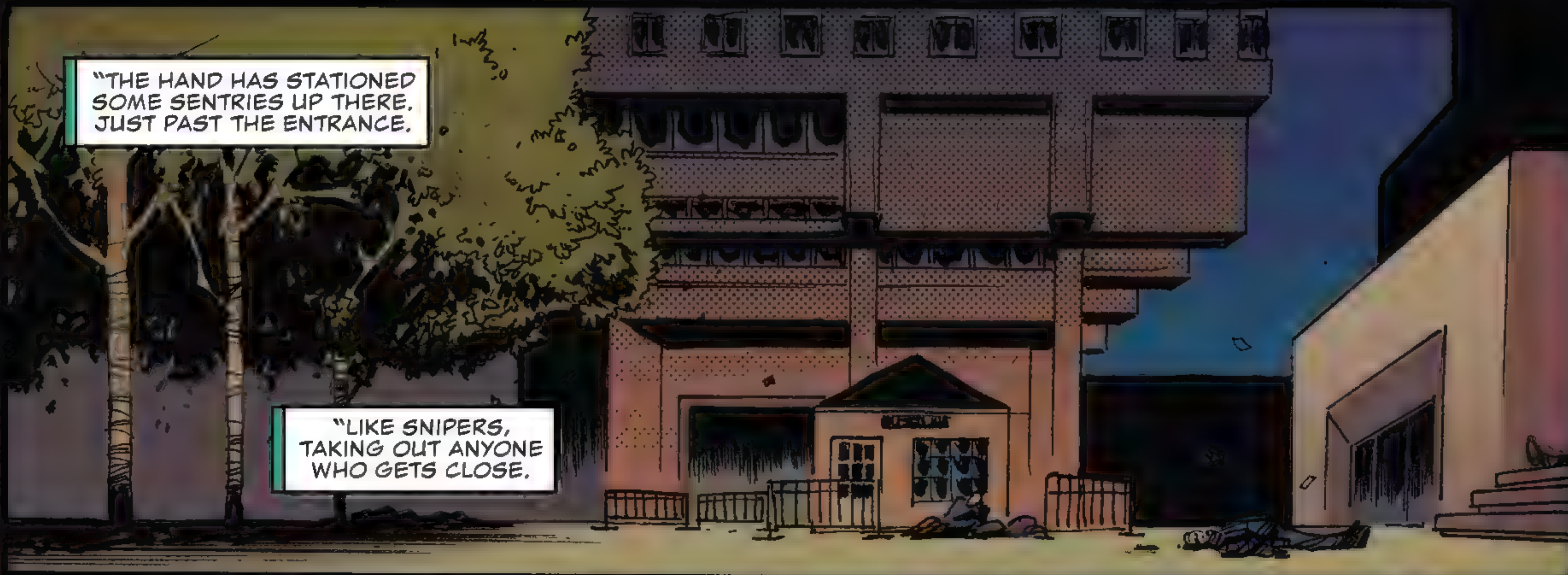
NO...INSIDE.
JUST SWARMED
THE BUILDING LIKE
ROACHES. GOD ONLY KNOWS
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THERE.
DISPATCH IS OFFLINE.
NOT A GOOD
SIGN.

WE WERE
LATE, GOT HERE
IN TIME TO SEE IT
HAPPENING, NOT
IN TIME TO
HELP.



WE CAN
HELP NOW.
COME WITH
US.

WAIT.
IT'S NOT THAT
SIMPLE.



"THE HAND HAS STATIONED
SOME SENTRIES UP THERE.
JUST PAST THE ENTRANCE.

"LIKE SNIPERS,
TAKING OUT ANYONE
WHO GETS CLOSE.



"THOSE DAMN THROWING
STARS EVEN CUT THROUGH
OUR RIOT GEAR!"



IT'S A
KILLING GROUND.
WE CAN'T GET
CLOSE.

BEFORE
THOSE NINJAS
HIT US, WE WERE
ABOUT TO RADIO TO
OTHER PRECINCTS TO SEND
HEAVY VEHICLES. MAYBE
THEY CAN STORM IT.
WE JUST HAVE TO
WAIT AND SEE.

NO. YOU
CAN'T. PEOPLE
ARE DYING IN
THERE.

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW?



I
CAN HEAR
THEM.



YOU
READY FOR
THIS? I CAN
GO ALONE.

I'M
READY.
LET'S
GO.



MOVE FAST--

AND KEEP MOVING. I KNOW.



GO!



Some of The Hand's victims are *still* alive.

But we can't stop. Right now, until we're through this...they're *traps*.



SSSHHK



HELLLP ME...

I...

Blindspot stopped. He just wants to help.



AAGH!

He was *distracted*, the Hand hit him...

...and now he's a trap. For me.



But what these monsters are about to realize...



...is they're trapped, too.



YOU
LET ME GET
CLOSE.



SSK

SSK

SSK

AND
THAT'S
IT.



YOU ALL
RIGHT?

I'M
NOT ALL
RIGHT...BUT
I CAN KEEP
GOING.



YOU'VE
GOT WOUNDED
HERE! SOME OF THESE
OFFICERS AREN'T
DEAD.

CALL FOR
HELP!

OH MY
GOD. RIGHT
AWAY!



WE
GOING
IN?

YES...BUT
SOMETHING
FEELS OFF.

ALL THE
SOUNDS HAVE
STOPPED.



AREN'T YOUR RADAR POWERS TELLING YOU WHERE EVERYONE IS?

IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT. IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CONSTANT SHARP 3-D PICTURE OF EVERYTHING AROUND ME ALL THE TIME.

I ALWAYS HAVE A HAZY SENSE OF THINGS, SURE, BUT MOSTLY MY SENSES WORK LIKE A SPOTLIGHT. I'M ALWAYS REFOCUSING IT.



I'VE BEEN USING HEARING IN HERE, BUT IT'S NOT TELLING ME ANYTHING. OR, TO BE SPECIFIC, I DON'T LIKE THE THINGS IT'S TELLING ME.

SO I'LL DIAL UP THE RADAR, AND...



Hmm.

Building's hardened--built to withstand various kinds of attacks. I can't see into it.



I CAN'T BE SURE YET...BUT I THINK EVERYONE'S GONE.

EVERYONE? YOU MEAN THE HAND JUST LEFT?

NO. I MEAN EVERYONE. HAND, COPS, EVERYONE.

BUT THOSE OFFICERS OUTSIDE DIDN'T SEE ANYONE LEAVE. THERE HAD TO BE HUNDREDS OF COPS IN THIS BUILDING.

WHERE THEY HELL DID THEY GO?



OH.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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